

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/807,012

Examiner

Tuyet Vo

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/17/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-12.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
TUYET VO  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

## DETAIL ACTION

### *Examiner's Amendment*

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as following:

In the claim, claim 1, line 3, delete "begin" and insert --being-- before "connected".

Line 1 of claims 6-9, delete "Apparatus" and insert --The apparatus-- before "for".

Claim 10, line 1, delete "The" before "method" and insert --A-- before "method";

line 10, delete "the" before "male" and insert --a-- after "connecting";

line 14, delete "the" before "bayonet" and insert --a-- after "inserting"; and

line 15, delete "said" before "second" and insert --a-- after "by".

The above noted amendment has been added in order to provide a clarification in claim language.

### *Reasons For Allowance*

2. Claims 5-12 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to disclose an apparatus for energizing an electrical operated device from a conventional wall switch having first and second female outlet sockets, the apparatus comprising a first adapter including first and second male input plugs adapted for insertion into first and second

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female outlet sockets respectively, said adapter further including a third female outlet socket for receiving a third male plug connected to one end of a two wire power line for continuously supplying electrical power to said device from the first female socket, said first adapter further including means for applying a control voltage to said two wire power line when said second socket receives switched power from said source, and a second adapter comprising, in combination, a manually operated device switch, an electrically operated switch for connecting and disconnecting said electrically operated device and said two wire power line, and a control circuit for actuating said electrically operated switch in response to both said control voltage received via said two wire power line and to the actuation of said manually operated switch as required in claim 5. The prior art also lacks to provide steps of connecting a first adapter to a first existing wall outlet that receives continuous power from an available source, connecting said first adapter to a second existing wall outlet that receives switched power via a conventional electrical wall-mounted switch, connecting a male plug at the end of lamp's existing two-wire power supply line to the first adapter to receive continuous power from said first existing wall socket and to receive a control voltage derived from said switched power received at said second existing wall socket, and inserting a bayonet base of a second adapter into a bulb socket of said lamp and inserting said light bulb into a second bulb socket defined by a second adapter, said second adapter further including a second manually operated switch and a control circuit responsive to the operation of said second manually-operated switch and to said control voltage for energizing and deenergizing said light bulb as required in claim 10.

4. The remaining dependent claims are allowable for at least above reason.

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicants' disclosure. None of recorded prior arts stands alone or combination with others discloses all limitation required in claim invention.

## Remarks

Amendment and drawings filed September 17, 2005 has been accepted and entered.

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*Correspondence*

Any comments considered necessarily by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuyet Vo whose telephone number is (571) 272 1830. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272 1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding assigned is (571) 273-8300 for regular communications and for After Final communications.

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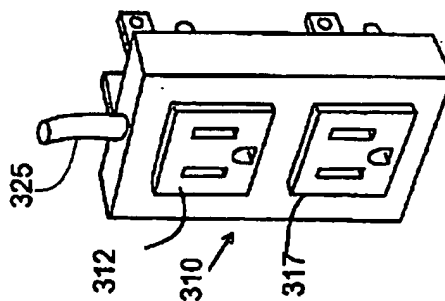
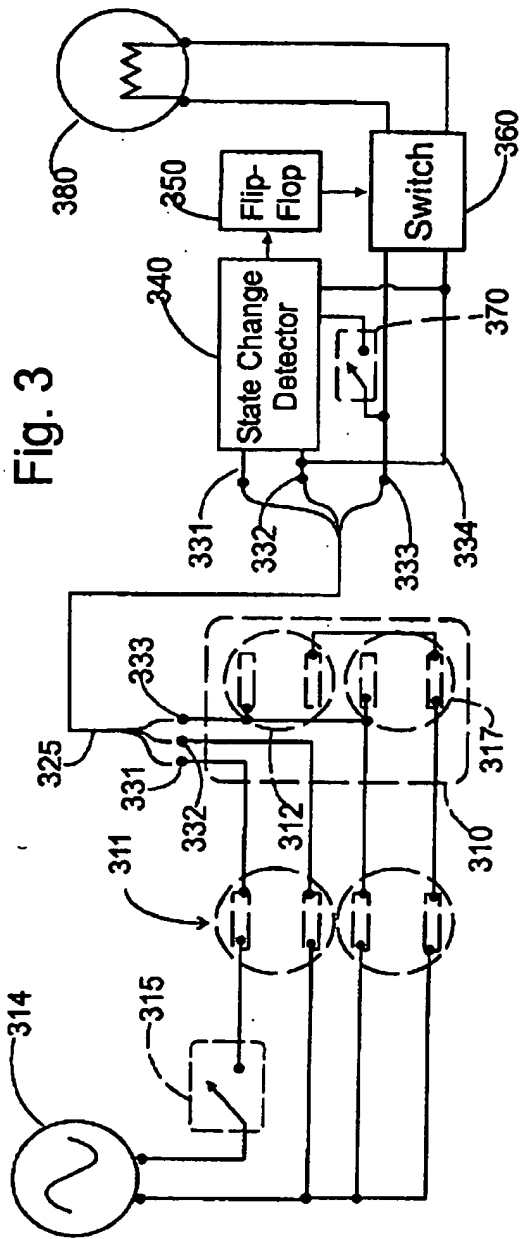
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Tuyet Vo

Primary Examiner

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